

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on March 8, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer, Chairman
Daniel Jowdy, Embalmer
Agnes Pier (Public Member)
Edgar Rodriguez, Embalmer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer
Robert Binkowski, Inspector, DPH

The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS

I. OPEN FORUM

Mr. McClam thanked Frank Carmen for his service to the Board.

Mr. Rodriguez was welcomed to his first meeting as a member of the Board

Mr. Binkowski reported there have not any new funeral home applications and no closings since is last report.

Mr. Kardys reported there are currently 22 Funeral Home cases that are under investigation and 24 cases involving embalmers.

II. MINUTES

The December 14, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved with all in favor on amotion by Mr. Jowdy, seconded by Ms. Pier.

III. OLD BUSINESS

The list of practical examiners was reviewed with Frank Manna of the Department of Public Health, Office of practitioner Licensing and Certification.

Ms. Pier discussed information she gathered regarding the Catholic Funeral Plan that is operated by the Catholic Cemetery Association.

IV. OTHER DISSCUSSION

At its next meeting the Board wants to hold discussion with the Department of Public Health regarding the continued need for a national board examination and the need for an embalmer license and a funeral director license.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell L. McClam - Chairman
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

The **Connecticut Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors** held a meeting on September 6, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrell L. McClam, Embalmer, Chairman
Daniel Jowdy, Embalmer
Edgar Rodriguez, Embalmer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Agnes Pier (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Hearing Officer
Robert Binkowski, Inspector, DPH

The meeting convened at 9:07 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

I. OPEN FORUM
None

II. MINUTES
The March 8, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved with all in favor on a motion by Mr. Jowdy, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.

III. NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, to add review of a work waiver request from Carrie Barns Smith. The motion passed unanimously

IV. Funeral Director Educational Requirements
The Board had a discussion with the Department of Public Health regarding the need for modification of the educational requirements for funeral directors Chris Andersen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health Practitioner Licensing and Investigations commented that a change in the requirements for a funeral directors license would require a legislative change.

V. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE
Wayne T. Mohrlein, Embalmer – Petition No. 2022-693
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a motion for summary suspension in this matter. Mr. Mohrlein was present but was not represented.
Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, that the summary suspension be denied. The motion passed unanimously.
A hearing on the Statement of Charges will be held on December 20, 2022.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
Robert Binkowski, Funeral Home Inspector, DPH presented a request from Carrie Barns Smith asking for approval of twenty hour per week apprenticeship. Mr. Jowdy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. UPDATES
Robert Binkowski, Funeral Home Inspector, DPH provided an update regarding funeral closings and ownership changes.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell L. McClam - Chairman
Board of Examiners of Embalmers and Funeral Directors